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Applicant: Kazuo Mizuno, et al.  
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Examiner: Hai L. Nguyen  
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**AMENDMENT AND PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME**

Sir:

In response to the Office Action mailed August 30, 2006, Paper No./Mail Date 20060817, please amend and reconsider the above referenced patent application as follows.

Applicants hereby petition under the provisions of 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a) for a two month extension of time in which to respond to the outstanding Office Action and includes a fee as set forth in 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(a) with this response for such extension of time.

**Amendments to the Claims** begin on page 3 of this paper.

**Amendments to the Drawings** begin on page 8 of this paper.

**Remarks** begin on page 9 of this paper.